



Wyoming Crop Weather



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AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warmer temperatures prevail.

Pasture and range conditions improve.

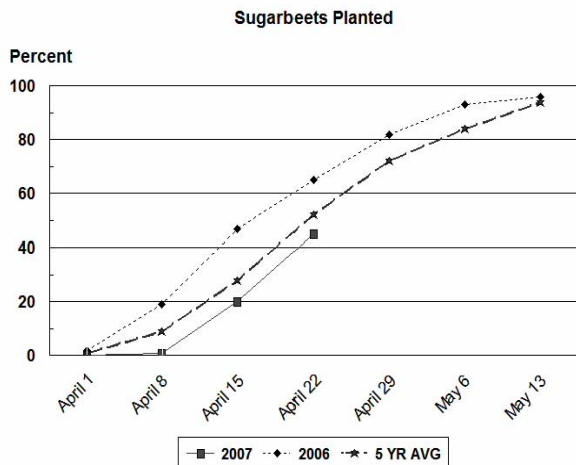
Warmer temperatures pushing small grain emergence ahead of normal.

The State experienced above normal temperatures last week. High temperatures were mostly in the 60's and 70's. Low temperatures were mostly in the teens and 20's. A few stations in the Big Horn Basin as well as Sheridan and Newcastle received slightly over half an inch of rain last week. Very little moisture was reported across the remainder of the State. Topsoil moisture levels were down slightly again this week with 70 percent rated adequate or better, down 2 points from last week. Fifty-five percent of the State had adequate irrigation water supplies. The lack of any significant moisture continues to affect topsoil moisture and irrigation water supplies.

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	3	3	5	15
Short	27	25	42	44
Adequate	68	69	51	40
Surplus	2	3	2	1

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Planted	69	60	68	71
Barley Emerged	34	8	29	28
Oats Planted	33	24	27	34
Oats Emerged	13	3	5	8
Spring Wheat Planted	27	10	22	35
Spring Wheat Emerged	8	2	2	6
Winter Wheat Jointed	1	---	3	2
Sugarbeets Planted	45	20	65	52
Corn Planted	2	1	1	4



FIELD CROP REPORT: Days suitable for field work averaged 4.8 days. Ninety-five percent of the winter wheat was in fair or better condition, only slightly lower than last week. Over two thirds of the barley was seeded which compares to the normal of 71 percent. Thirty-four percent of the barley was emerged, slightly ahead of normal. Oat planting progressed at a normal rate of 33 percent complete, while emergence was 5 points ahead of normal at 13 percent. Spring wheat planting was still behind with 27 percent complete compared to the five year average of 35 percent. Almost half of the sugarbeet crop was planted at 45 percent. Producers were preparing fields for corn and planting was just underway with 2 percent planted by weeks end.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	V Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wht	0	5	53	42	0

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Spring Calves Born	86	81	82	82
Farm Flock Ewes	85	81	81	84
Farm Flock Sheep Shorn	85	76	82	84
Range Flock Ewes Lambled	34	24	25	25
Range Flock Sheep Shorn	54	38	48	55

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Pasture and range conditions were still improving with 63 percent rated as fair or better. Both farm flock lambing and shearing were 85 percent complete for the year. Range flock lambing was 34 percent complete and shearing was 54 percent complete. Spring calving was ahead of normal at 86 percent compared to an average of 82 percent. Calf and lamb losses were light to mostly normal with almost no heavy losses reported.

RANGE AND PASTURE FEED

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	13	17	2	19
Poor	24	31	11	22
Fair	46	36	45	38
Good	17	16	42	20
Excellent	0	0	0	1

WEATHER SUMMARY: The State welcomed warmer temperatures this week. Most temperatures ranged between 0.8 degrees and 7.2 degrees above normal. Chugwater was the only station reporting below normal temperatures. Torrington and Redbird had the high of 79 degrees. The low temperature of 12 degrees was reported in Laramie. The largest precipitation amounts were reported in Sheridan with 0.67 inches, Worland FAA with 0.61 inches and Powell with 0.60 inches.

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 20, 2007

TEMPERATURE			PRECIPITATION					
						CUMULATIVE	1/	
			DEP.	AMT.	DEP.	1/07	THRU	DEP.
			FROM	PAST	FROM	TO	CURR	FROM
STATION	MAX	MIN	NORM	WEEK	NORM	DATE	WEEK	NORM

SNAKE DRAINAGE								
Jackson	64	17	1.6	0.17	-0.16	2.47	4.58	-2.11
Afton	61	22	0.0	0.21	-0.19	3.76	5.34	-1.58
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE								
Uinta County AP	61	20	-1.0	0.09	-0.18	1.70	3.02	-1.32
Big Piney AP	61	16	1.8	0.13	0.01	1.21	1.58	-0.37
Rock Springs AP	63	23	0.8	0.01	-0.25	1.19	2.63	-1.44
BIG HORN DRAINAGE								
Cody	69	31	4.2	0.59	0.30	2.80	2.01	0.79
Deaver	72	26	1.9	0.32	0.21	1.46	0.72	0.74
Greybull AP	78	27	2.1	0.27	0.10	1.04	1.50	-0.46
Powell Field St	72	26	2.6	0.60	0.45	1.57	0.94	0.63
Worland FAA AP	76	26	0.9	0.61	0.39	0.96	1.49	-0.53
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE								
Kaycee	73	26	2.1	0.30	-0.09	2.83	2.70	0.13
Sheridan WSO AP	77	26	1.1	0.67	0.23	2.89	3.54	-0.65
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE								
Dillinger	72	25	5.1	0.35	-0.07	4.05	2.96	1.09
Sundance	71	24	7.2	0.22	-0.34	4.75	3.96	0.79
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE								
Newcastle	75	29	4.2	0.51	0.10	2.70	2.97	-0.27
Redbird	79	19	4.7	0.23	-0.25	2.20	2.91	-0.71
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Casper AP	72	25	3.2	T	-0.39	2.27	3.22	-0.95
Cheyenne AP	69	21	2.1	0.00	-0.39	2.18	3.07	-0.89
Chugwater	72	17	-0.8	0.17	-0.23	3.07	3.29	-0.22
Douglas AP	73	19	3.9	0.13	-0.27	1.82	2.86	-1.04
Torrington AP	79	19	2.9	0.08	-0.32	1.32	2.60	-1.28
Wheatland 4 N	76	21	1.5	0.00	-0.37	2.25	2.17	0.08
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE								
Lander AP	68	25	3.5	0.00	-0.50	2.32	3.78	-1.46
Riverton AP	71	23	2.7	T	-0.27	0.54	1.70	-1.16
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Laramie AP	64	12	1.5	0.30	0.05	1.37	2.44	-1.07
Rawlins AP	66	19	1.9	T	-0.26	0.77	2.49	-1.72
Saratoga	66	21	3.4	0.00	-0.23	2.72	2.39	0.33

BLANKS - INDICATE MISSING DATA.
AP - AIRPORT. T - TRACE. () - ESTIMATES.
1/LATE REPORTS CAN CHANGE PREVIOUS WEEK'S CUMULATIVE TOTALS.